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Bibliography of chiropractic and other techniques

ABSTRACT

This paper contains a bibliography of chiropractic techniques as noted in different chiropractic citations. There has been great confusion over these procedures, and this bibliography may help to bring clarity where little exists.

Key Indexing Terms:
Chiropractic; Medical Informatics

Introduction

Walk in any chiropractic library and you will find a collection of books and journals that discuss a variety of chiropractic techniques. However, if you are searching for specific techniques, it could take hours to go through the chiropractic databases and the indexes to various books. Time is of the essence to most chiropractors and students. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have all the basic information on techniques in one source?

Discussion

This bibliography of chiropractic and orthopedic techniques

was put together to fill a need within the chiropractic profession. Bergmann, Peterson and Lawrence (1) list 97 named chiropractic techniques, and this number will no doubt increase with time. In fact, Nelson had facetiously suggested that chiropractors should have the opportunity to develop and market their own technique (2). It often seems as though this has already happened in the profession, yet so often it is nearly impossible to find information on many of the techniques found on Bergmann's list or elsewhere. Some techniques used today are only taught at seminars, while others are written up in various books and journals. Still others have died along with their developers, who left no written accounts.

This present list was developed to save time for the student, chiropractor, or librarian who needs to research specific techniques. It covers a few major sources to help researchers get started in their work. It also covers some osteopathic techniques that may be of interest to chiropractors. A hand search was done of various mono-

graphs and databases for each of the named techniques. Some could only be found on the Internet, while others were not found at all. Those mentioned only in seminars and not found elsewhere are not listed in this bibliography. Since the Internet is constantly evolving and many sites change frequently or are not kept up-to-date, internet sites were also not listed in the bibliography. However, one site of importance is "Full Spine Discussion Page - Techniques" found at <http://chiropractor-doctors.com/techniquelist.html>. The moderators of this page are asking for help from the chiropractic profession in locating information about more than 100 named techniques and their developers. They are then inputting this information on their web page. Another site worthy of mention is <http://www.dogpile.com/>. Use the search key "chiropractic AND seminars" to bring up hundreds of sites directing you to various chiropractic technique seminars.

Conclusion

I remind the reader that this is only the tip of the iceberg. There are hundreds of chiropractic books, constantly evolving web sites, new and developing seminars, and even family and friends still using techniques developed

by deceased practitioners. All of these sources can be used in researching the many chiropractic techniques out there. And wouldn't it be useful if a dictionary could give a synopsis, the developers, the relationships to other techniques, and sources for current information? I hope this bibliography serves as a starting point for such a text.

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